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Executive Assistant Sophora's life as a pirate has finally caught up to her in deadly fashion. Her conscience has reached its breaking point, her secret love affair with Landon has reached the surface, and her master has set up an ambush aboard the Sea Voyager cargo vessel, leading Sophora with a brutal decision--kill her lover or be killed herself...

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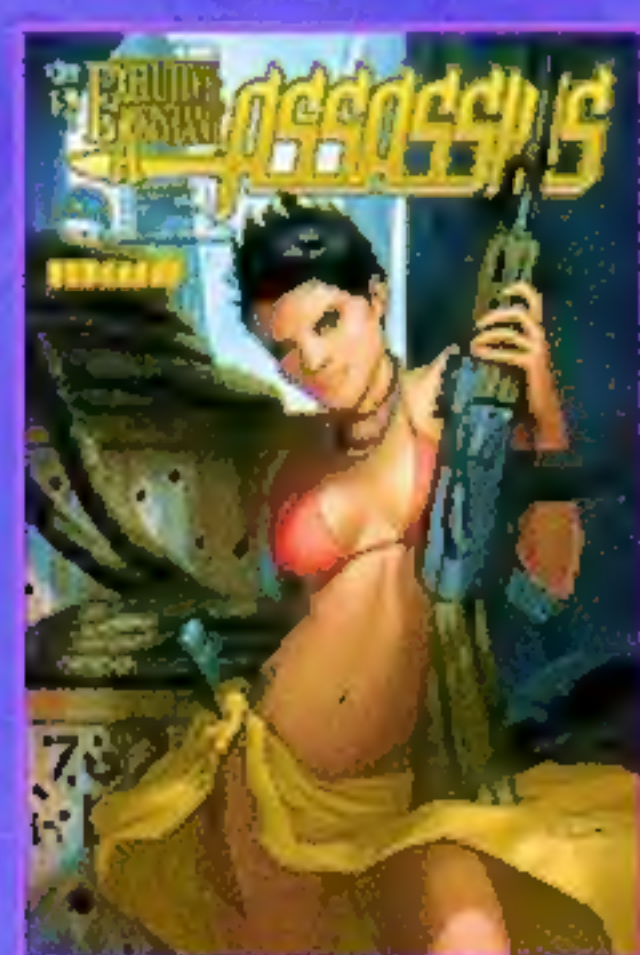
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Now.

ONCE BELIEVED
SERVING YOUR MASTER
WAS A TASK WITHOUT
CONSCIENCE.

Then.

THAT IF I WERE GIVEN AN
ORDER, I WOULD SIMPLY FOLLOW
IT WITHOUT REGRET...

...I WAS WRONG.


THEY WERE A PAIR OF
LOVERS IN THE WRONG PLACE
AT THE WRONG TIME.

ILLEGAL STOWAWAYS ON A
SHIP THEY HAD NO BUSINESS
BEING ON. BUT, FATE MADE
THEM WITNESSES.

FINISH IT.
BUT, TIKOTÉ---
--NOW!

PLEASE...

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AT THE ACADEMY, THEY TEACH YOU
HOW TO BURY YOUR FEELINGS UNDER THE
WEIGHT OF YOUR MASTER'S MOTIVES.

THEY TELL YOU THE ONLY THING
THAT MATTERS IS THE SATISFACTION
OF YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYER.

BUT, I AM
NO FOOL.

I KNOW MY ACTIONS
CARRY CONSEQUENCE.
THAT GUILT CANNOT BE
STRIPPED FROM
ONE'S SOUL.

EVEN IF I
ATTEMPTED TO
DROWN IT FOR
SO LONG.

I PROMISED MYSELF AT
THAT MOMENT I WOULD NEVER
ALLOW MY OWN FEELINGS TO
CLOUD MY JUDGMENT.

TIKOTÉ FREED ME.
INTRODUCED ME TO THIS LIFE
AT SEA-- A LIFE I LOVE...





...UNTIL WHAT I
LOVE... SHIFTED.

MOVE IT,
RECRUIT!

YEAH.

LANDON'S ARRIVAL
CHANGED...

...EVERYTHING.

I IGNORED HIM AT FIRST, AS
I DID EVERY NEW RECRUIT.
MY DUTY DID NOT REQUIRE
ANY SOCIAL STANDING-- IN
FACT, TIKOTÉ PREFERRED
I KEPT TO MYSELF.

BUT, HE WAS PERSISTENT.

I'VE SEEN YOU
ON DECK. WE'VE YET
TO FORMALLY MEET--
I'M LANDON. YOU'RE
SOPHORA RIGHT?

I KNOW WHO
YOU ARE, NEW
FISH. AND SINCE
YOU ALREADY
KNOW ME...

...YOU MAY
GO.

SLAM


I WAS COLD-HEARTED THEN, BUT IT WAS ONLY ON THE SURFACE. BELOW, I WAS A MESS.

YOU ARE A MESS! CONTROL YOURSELF!

I'M SORRY TIKOTÉ. IT'S JUST--

--IT'S JUST NOTHING! WE ALL SHARE IN THE TASK AT HAND, WE ALL CARRY THE BURDEN AS ONE. IF YOU CANNOT PULL YOURSELF ABOVE YOUR OWN GUILT, I WILL PERSONALLY SET SAIL BACK TO THE ACADEMY TO RETURN YOU.

NO! IT'S... I AM UNDER CONTROL... I PROMISE, TIKOTÉ.



IT WAS A LIE.

AND ONLY ONE PERSON COULD SENSE IT.

IT'S OKAY TO FEEL SOMETHING, YOU KNOW.



LEAVE ME ALONE.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB YOU... IT'S ONLY-- YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOMEONE TO TALK TO. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS CLICHÉ.




HOW ABOUT SOMEONE TO LISTEN?



WELL... YOU ALREADY KNOW I'M NOT GOOD AT THAT. OR HAVE YOU MISSED THE CREW BARKING ORDERS AT ME OVER AND OVER?



HEH. NOT HARD TO MISS.




I FOUND HIM
LISTENING MORE
AND MORE TO WHAT
I HAD TO SAY.


I'D NEVER BEEN
ACCUSTOMED TO
ANOTHER PERSON TAKING
AN INTEREST IN ME.



IT WAS STIMULATING.



I HAD GROWN NUMB, FROZEN FROM MY
MISDEEDS. BUT HE MADE ME FEEL AGAIN. I
HAD NEVER FELT SUCH A FEELING BEFORE.



NOW, I KNOW
WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO
THINK IT COULD EVER
END WELL.

SEE TO
IT.

UNDERSTOOD,
CAPTAIN.



Now.

A FOOL INDEED.

YOU CHOSE
THIS FATE-- NOW
DEAL WITH THE
RESULT OF YOUR
DECISION.

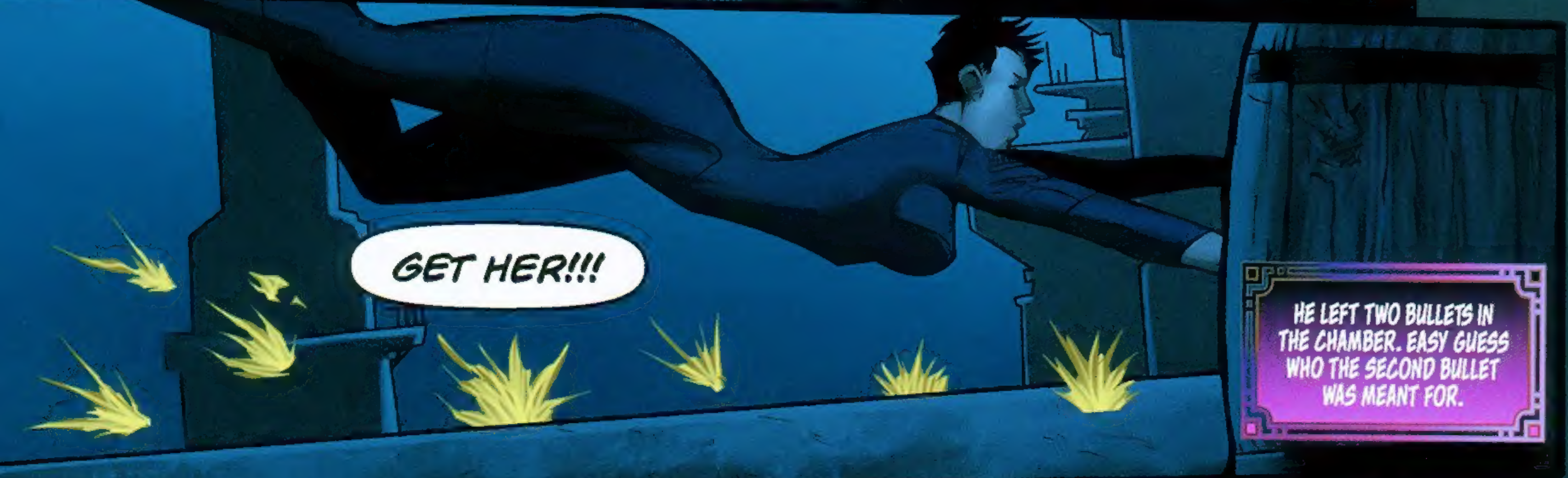
TIKOTÉ, PLEASE.
I TRIED TO WARN HIM.
TRIED TO GET HIM TO
STOP BEFORE--

--TELL ME, SOPHORA.
HOW AM I TO TRUST YOU
FROM THIS POINT ON? I
PRACTICALLY RAISED YOU.
GAVE YOU NEW LIFE-- AND
THIS IS THE REPAYMENT
FOR MY ACTIONS? WHAT
WOULD YOU DO?!

YOU'RE...

...RIGHT.

BANG

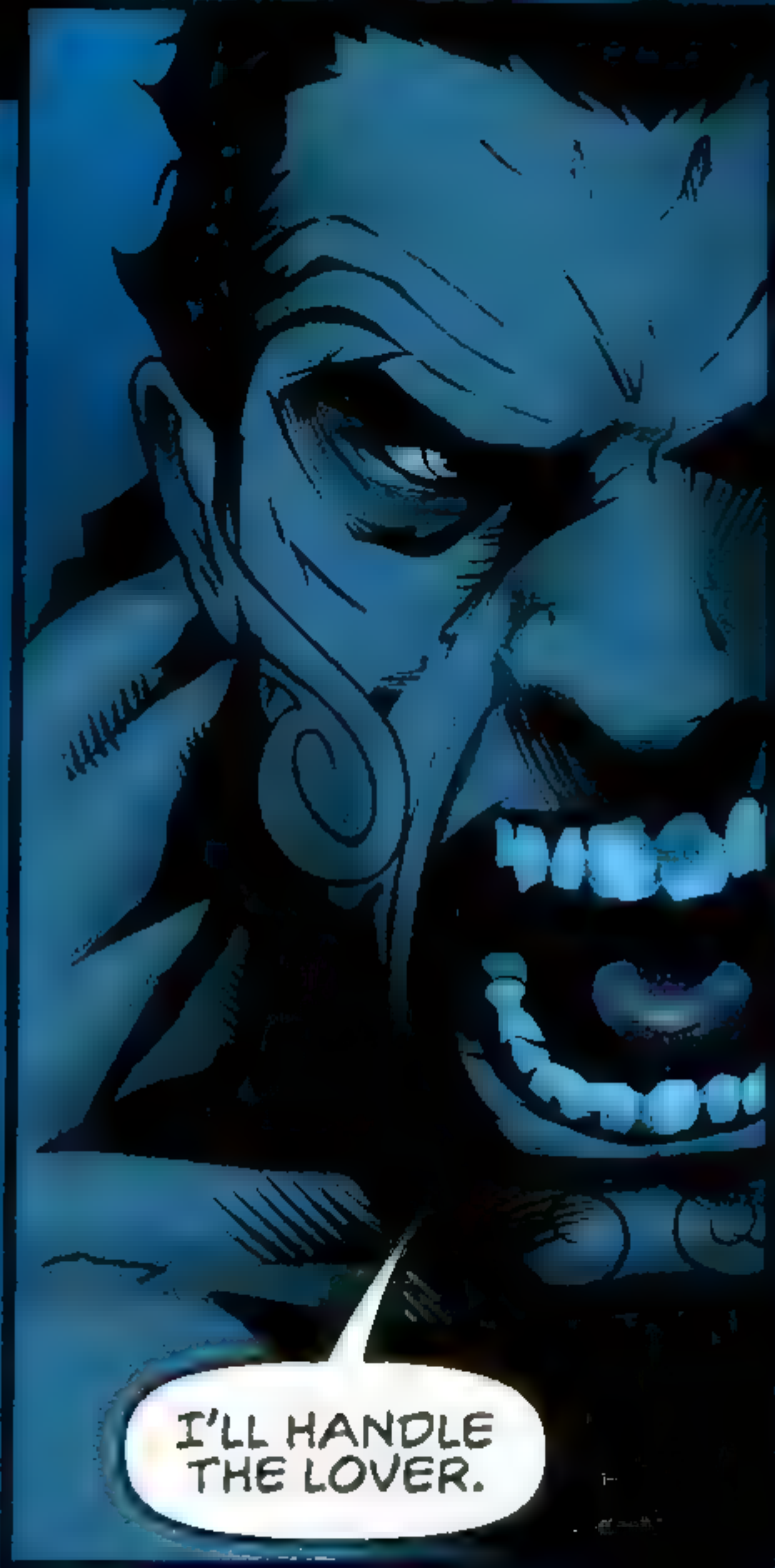




I MUST DO SOMETHING.
LONDON IS NOT TRAINED FOR
THIS. HE WON'T MAKE IT



YOU TWO!
FIND HER!



I'LL HANDLE
THE LOVER.



HE'S THIS
WAY!



CRACK

GOT TO GET TO THE
LOWER DECK OF THE SHIP.
TIGHTER QUARTERS IF I
HOPE TO SURVIVE.

SPLIT UP!
I'LL TAKE THIS
END. GRAB HER
FLANK.

THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE BOTH
ENDS OF THE SHIP AND TRY TO
SQUEEZE ME OUT—IT'S WHAT
I WOULD DO WITH FREE.

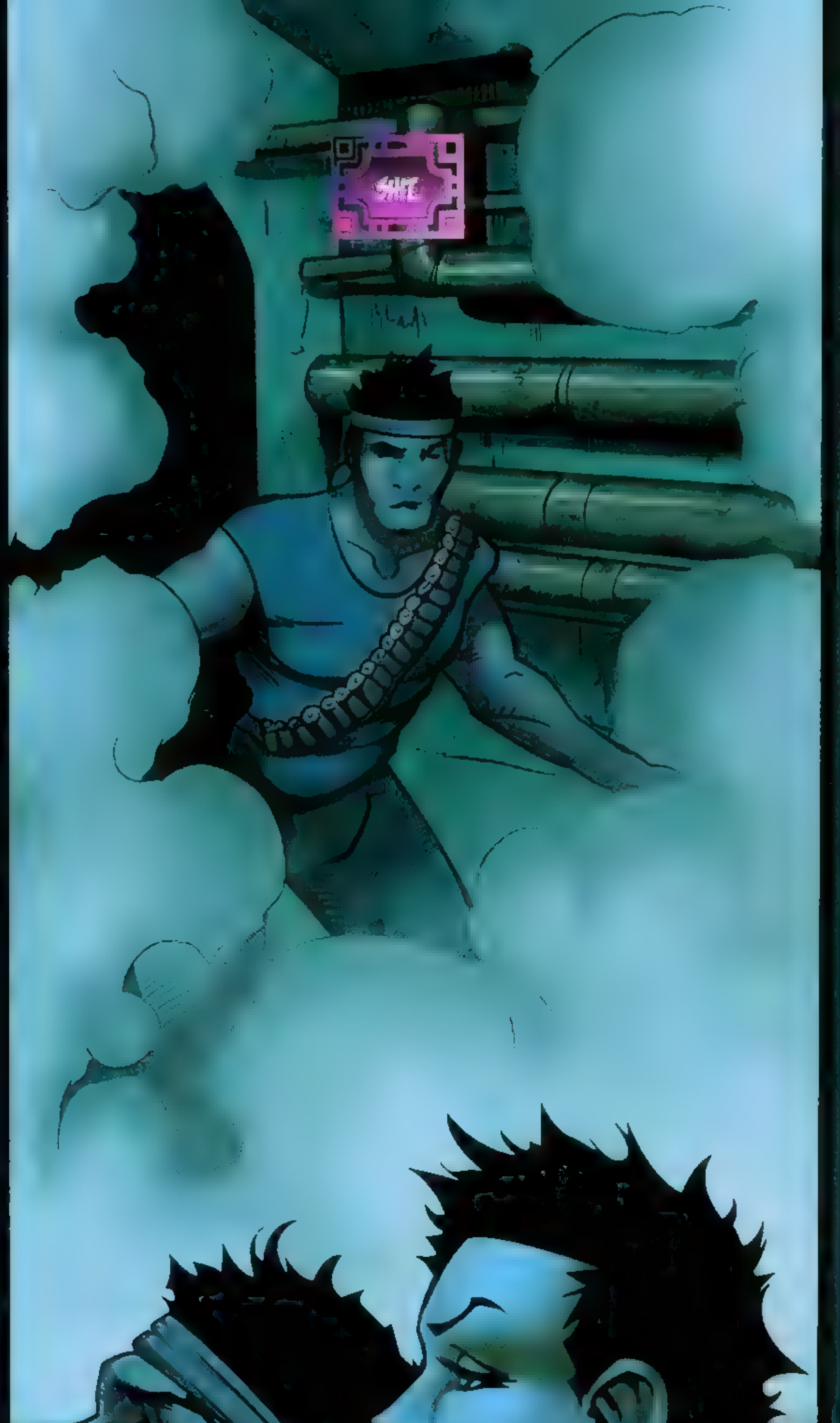
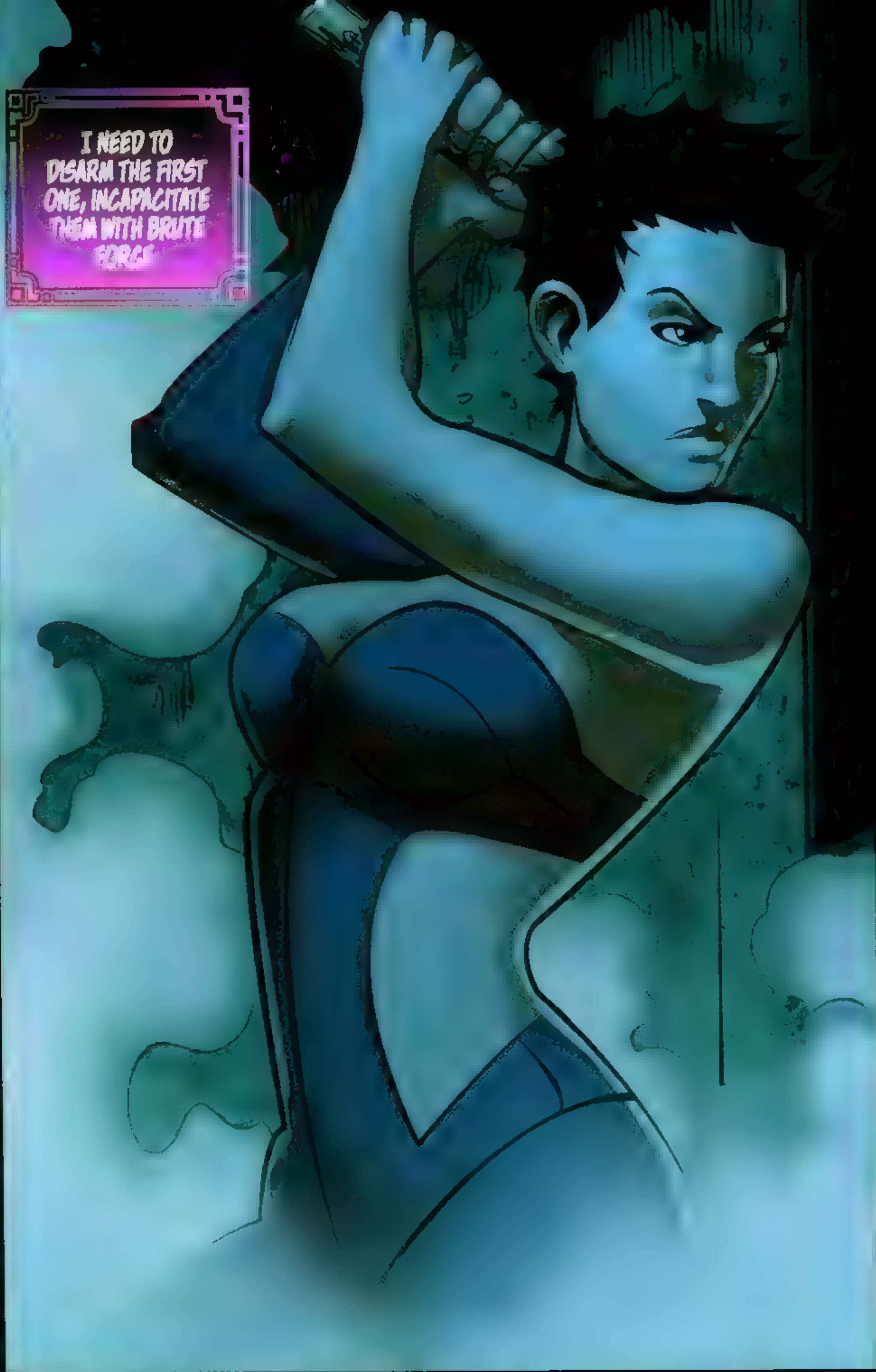
AND THAT IS WHAT I
AM NOW, PREY. I MUST
ACT ACCORDINGLY.

PERFECT

CRACK

psssssssshhhhhhh

I NEED TO
DISARM THE FIRST
ONE, INCAPACITATE
THEM WITH BRUTE
FORCE



GRRNN!

GANO--
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

HRRNGH...
WHAT AM...
I DOING?! YOU
TWO ARE THE
MUTINOUS
ONES!

THAT IS... NOT
WHAT IS GOING ON!
I'M NOT GOING TO
HURT YOU!

HOLD
STILL!





ON
YOUR FEET,
GANO.

I'M
COUGH-
UP.

IT'S TIME FOR
YOU TO FINALLY
DIE, WOMAN. THIS
LIFE WAS NEVER
MEANT FOR
YOU.

ON YOUR
FEET!

THIS IS
HOW YOU ALWAYS
IMAGINED IT WOULD
END FOR ME, AM I
RIGHT MARKEL?

IT MUST
PLEASE
YOU.

VERY MUCH
SO.





NO!



BANG



FOOLISH BOY!
WHAT IS YOUR
PROBLEM?!



SHE IS MY...
FRIEND!



YOU HAVE NO
FRIENDS OUT HERE!
YOU HAVE LOST YOUR
WAY! YOU BOTH
WILL--



THUK

--HNNHH!



YOU ARE THE
ONE WHO HAS LOST HIS
WAY, MARKEL. YOU PLACE
THIS LIFESTYLE ABOVE THAT
OF YOUR BROTHER'S LIFE. IT IS
TIME YOU ARE TAUGHT THE
FALSEHOOD OF YOUR
CHOICES.



ENOUGH!

MY THOUGHTS
EXACTLY!

WHACK

THOK

UNNGH!

THUD

YOU
SHOULD'VE
WATCHED OUR
TRAINING...


CRASH

...IT WOULD'VE
SAVED YOUR
LIFE!

NO!







YOU SHOULD
HAVE TRUSTED
ME.

I HAD NO
THOUGHTS OF
MUTINY.

DON'T GIVE HIM AN
EXPLANATION--

--SHUT
UP!

NO MATTER
WHAT HE SAID, NO
MATTER WHAT YOU THINK
YOU KNOW-- YES, I DID
FALL FOR HIM. YES, I WAS
UNHAPPY AND YES I DO
CARRY GUILT FOR MY
PAST ACTIONS.

YET, I
AM LOYAL ABOVE
ALL ELSE. YOU GAVE
ME THIS LIFE AND I
WOULD NEVER HAVE
BETRAYED YOU.

YOU SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
THIS!



IT IS
OVER... END
IT, NOW.

NO...

...I AM NOT
YOU. I WILL NOT
KILL YOU. THAT WOULD
BE TOO EASY-- AND
ONLY ADD TO MY
REMORSE.



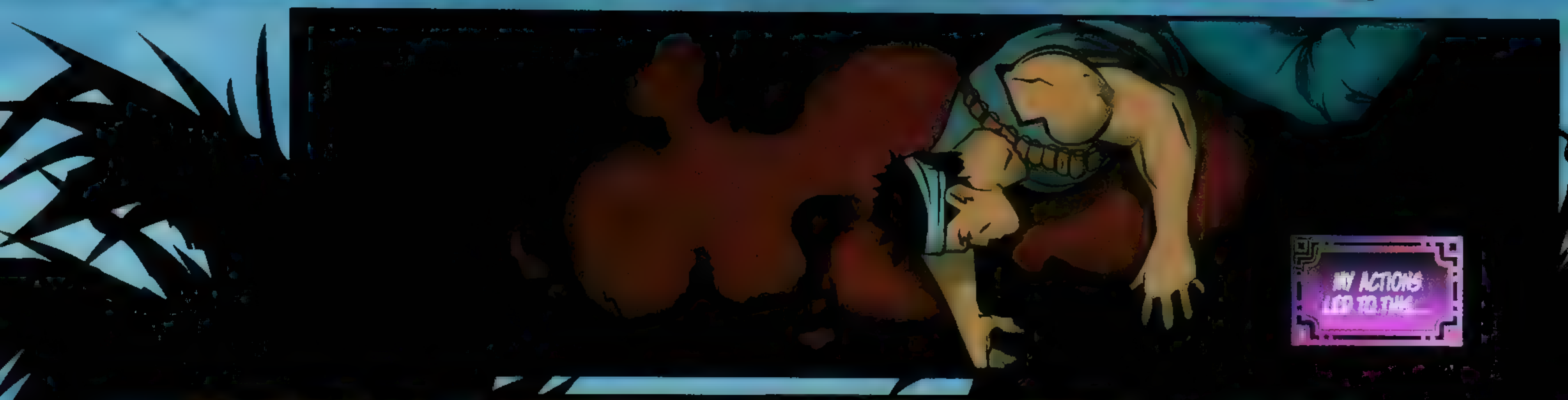
I AM
BETTER THAN
THAT!

AHHHH!



YOU LET
HIM GO...
WHY?

I ONCE BELIEVED SERVING
YOUR MASTER WAS A TASK
WITHOUT CONSCIENCE



SOME TIME LATER...



-YAWN-



SOPHORA?



IT WASN'T AN EASY CHOICE TO LEAVE THEM BOTH BEHIND.

TO ABANDON EVERYTHING I HELD DEAR.

BUT, THAT IS WHAT THEY DON'T TEACH YOU IN THE ACADEMY. WHAT YOU MUST LEARN BY YOURSELF. TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN, YOU MUST BE WILLING TO BE ALONE...





...IN ORDER TO
TRULY BE FREE.

END

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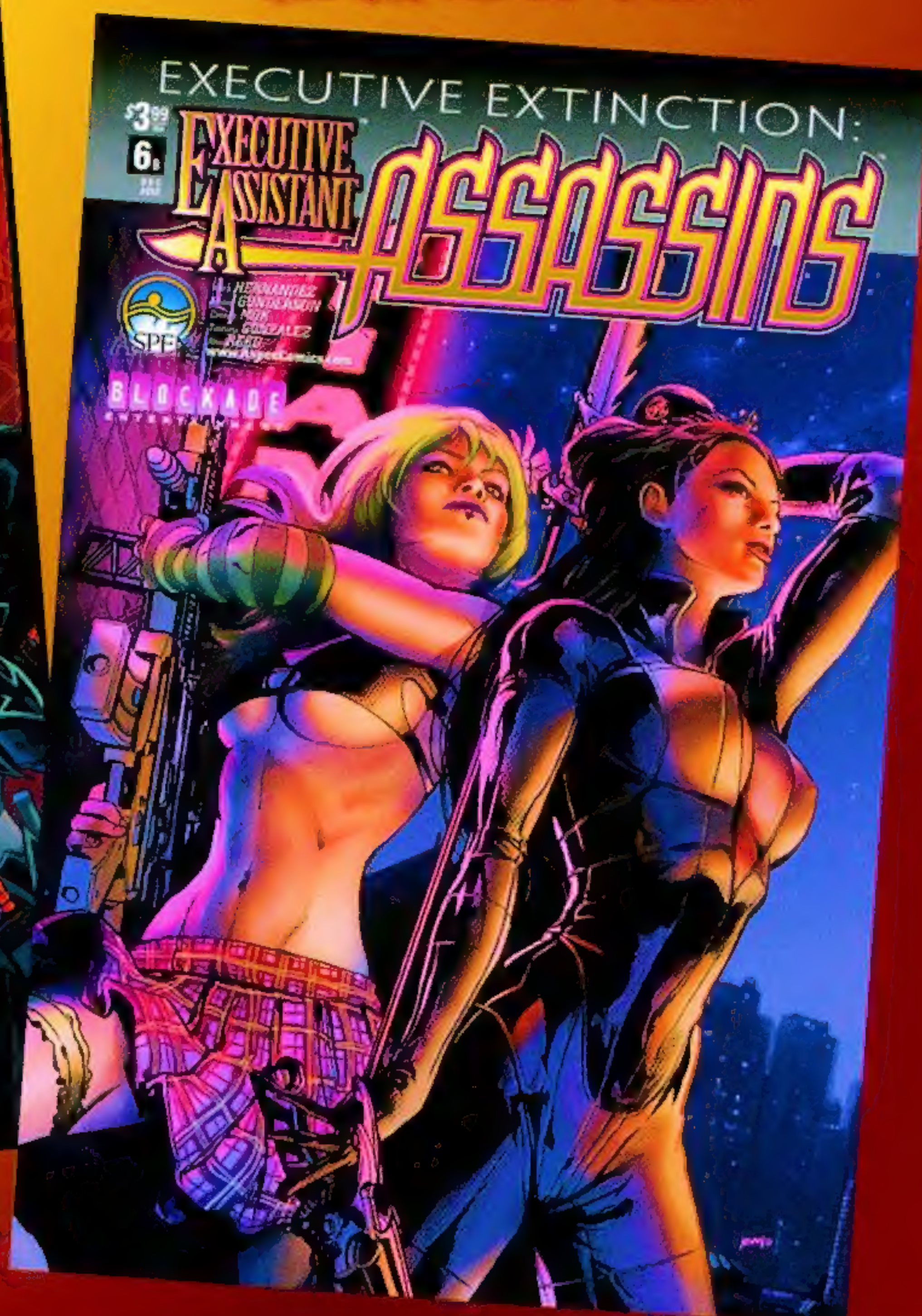
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